

**441—176.15 (235B) Multidisciplinary teams.**

**176.15(1) *Purpose of multidisciplinary teams.*** The service area shall establish multidisciplinary teams for the purpose of assisting the department in assessment, diagnosis, and disposition of reported dependent adult abuse cases. The disposition of a case may include the provision for treatment recommendations and services.

**176.15(2) *Execution of team agreement.*** When the team is established, the service area manager or designee and all team members shall execute an agreement on Form 470-2328, Dependent Adult Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Agreement. This agreement specifies:

*a.* That the team shall be consulted solely for the purpose of assisting the department in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of dependent adult abuse cases.

*b.* That any team member may cause a dependent adult abuse case to be reviewed if approved by the department through use of the process of requesting adult abuse information specified in rule 176.10(235B).

*c.* That no team members shall disseminate adult abuse information obtained solely through the multidisciplinary team. This shall not preclude dissemination of information as authorized by Iowa Code section 235B.6 when an individual team member has received information as a result of another authorized access provision of the Code.

*d.* That the department may consider the recommendation of the team in a specific dependent adult abuse case but shall not, in any way, be bound by the recommendations.

*e.* That any written report or document produced by the team pertaining to an individual case shall be made a part of the file for the case and shall be subject to all confidentiality provisions of Iowa Code sections 235B.6 and 235B.8 and of 441—Chapter 176.

*f.* That any written records maintained by the team which identify an individual dependent adult abuse case shall be destroyed when the agreement lapses.

*g.* That consultation team members shall serve without compensation.

*h.* That any party to the contract may withdraw with or without cause upon the giving of 30 days' notice.

*i.* The date on which the agreement will expire.

**176.15(3) *Filing of agreement.*** Whenever a team is created, a copy of the executed contract shall be filed with the central registry in addition to any other requirement placed upon execution of agreements by the department.